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SUBJECT: FUNDS FOR TUTORING SERVICE

REF: PARIS 00717, PARIS 33344

1. I WANT TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION THE CASE OF GUNNERY SERGEANT DONALD E. HARRIS, PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO OUR EMBASSY MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT AS THE NEW SECOND-IN-COMMAND. THE PROBLEM INVOLVES SGT. HARRIS'S TWELVE-YEAR-OLD SON, MAURICE, WHO IS NOW ATTENDING THE AMERICAN SCHOOL OF PARIS. THE SCHOOL HAS INDICATED THAT MAURICE IS SEVERELY DEFICIENT IN READING AND MATH, AND HE WAS ACCEPTED FOR ADMITTANCE AT THE SCHOOL WITH THE REQUIREMENT THAT HE RECEIVE SPECIAL TUTORING ON A REGULAR BASIS. THE COST OF SUCH TUTORING IS APPROXIMATELY \$200 PER MONTH AND HAS NOT BEEN COVERED BY THE MILITARY DEPENDENT EDUCATION ALLOWANCE. SUCH COSTS POSE A SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE HARRIS FAMILY. SGT. HARRIS HAS PETITIONED THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FUNDS TO MEET THESE EXPENSES, BUT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT NO SUCH FUNDS ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS NOW APPEALED THIS DECISION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, IN HIS APPEAL MCO 1755.1F SUBMITTED LAST MONTH.

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2. WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE THE HARRISES HERE AT THE

EMBASSY, AND IT WOULD BE VERY UNFORTUNATE IF THIS EXTREME FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WERE TO FORCE SGT. HARRIS TO REQUEST ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT. I WOULD HOPE THAT SOME SOLUTION COULD BE REACHED TO ASSIST THE HARRIS FAMILY. I MIGHT NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE DOES PROVIDE FUNDS FOR TUTORIAL SERVICES FOR ITS EMPLOYEES WHERE REQUIRED, BUT STATE IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NON-STATE EMPLOYEES.

3. I AM CERTAIN THAT SGT. HARRIS'S APPEAL WILL RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION. HOWEVER, AS THE HARRISES ARE CONTINUING TO PAY TUTORIAL FEES PENDING A FINAL DECISION, ANY ASSISTANCE THAT YOU COULD PROVIDE TO SPEED UP THE CONSIDERATION OF HIS CASE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.

4. I HOPE WE MIGHT HAVE THE PLEASURE OF SEEING YOU HERE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT PARIS. WITH BEST REGARDS.  
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